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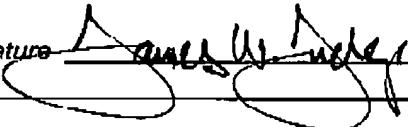
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In response to the Office action of May 14, 2004 reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, amended as follows, is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper, and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.